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Subject: RE: Trip to New Orleans late July/early August to Meet with BOEM/BSEE
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Sharon,

If you want me to be involved, I will be out of the office during the week of July 18. August may be better for me. Thanks.

Isaac

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Importance: High

All,

I am working with Margaret Metcalf and Ramona Sanders at BOEM/BSEE regarding an upcoming 2-day business trip for a face-to-face meeting in New Orleans between EPA Region 6, Jesse Yourish (EPA HQ), Carey Johnston (EPA HQ, possibly), BOEM, and BSEE regarding issues raised on what EPA Region 6 should be tracking/monitoring under its OCS General Permit, particularly with regard to public information under ECHO. This will have an impact on the reissuance of the OCS General Permit slated for next year.

Currently, BOEM/BSEE suggest the following timeframes for the meeting, in the order of their preference. Please let me know ASAP what your availability is so I can get the meeting set up/travel funds obligated.

- First choice - during the week of August 8-12. Erin, Jay and Chris will be here.
- Second choice - during the week of July 18-22. Chris or Jay or both will be here.
- Third choice - during the week of July 24-30 and August 1-5 Jay and maybe Erin or both will be here. Chris DuFore is at public meeting road trip both weeks.

Robert, I included you because you are still assisting Mitty on taking over your previous position, and you have institutional knowledge that Mitty has not yet acquired.

Background for purpose of meeting:

ECHO currently does not display specific information that has recently been requested by EPA HQ as well as a top level official at BSEE.

Specifically:

- Number of installations discharging produced water on Federal OCS

- Annual amount of produced water discharged on the Federal OCS
- Annual average dispersed oil concentration on the Federal OCS
- Total amount of dispersed oil discharged on Federal OCS
- Who discharges (owner/operator)
- What is being discharged
- Where are these discharges located (lat/long of the offshore O&G facility) [BOEM tracks by a method called Facility Name, which is not the same as the operator name or lease area/block #. Possibly EPA can use the same concept.]
- When do these discharges take place
- How much is discharged (pounds of pollution)

These types of information will allow ECHO users to better identify instances of non-compliance by way of more specific information that is currently collected.

While EPA and the BOEM/BSEE are separate federal agencies, with their own specific missions/goals, there is also cross-over relationships with regard to the offshore oil and gas business. By trying to find the common ground and aligning our processes to better track information the public is seeking, we can also share the results of this meeting with other EPA Regional Offices that have an offshore program to enable them to collect information that would make offshore data in ECHO national as well as location specific (i.e., Gulf of Mexico or offshore Alaska).

Please let me know your travel/meeting preferences no later than Wednesday, June 22nd.

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